

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on November 7th, AD 2013 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Fred M. Bodington, III, Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Charles N. Appleton, Jr. Also in attendance: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor (arrived at 7:14 PM), Tom Dunn, Business Manager, Police Chief Wordell, Fire Chief Petrin and Little Compton School Committee Members Donald Gomez, Peg Bugara and Thomas Alder.

Pledge to the Flag.

We are please to have with us this evening representatives from Middletown who wish to make a presentation concerning their desire to see a Unified High School Exploratory Committee formed. Present this evening: Middletown School Committee Members Barbara Von Villas and Richard Adams and Middletown School Committee Members Keillie DiPalma and Bill O'Connell.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To move a presentation on the creation of a Unified High School Exploratory Committee to be given by Representatives of the Middletown Town Council to this point at the meeting.

Ms. Von Villas and Mr. Adams answered questions and concerns raised. During the discussion Councilor Mushen noted that the interaction taking place is the exact type of interaction the exploratory committee hopes to achieve. Councilor Mushen suggested he meet with the Little Compton School Committee Chair to consider the Town's approach to this matter and return to the next Council meeting with a recommendation. No votes were taken.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the October 24, 2013 Town Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Maintenance Department Head Report for October 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the payment of \$149.80 to Geisser Engineering for testing, \$6,000 to ICM Corp. for Clerk of the Works services for October 2013 and \$6,030 to ICM Corp. for Project Manager services for October 2013 for a total of \$12,179.80 to be charged the Bond Anticipation Note for the School Renovation Project under BAN Disbursement #14.

Councilor Mushen noted that the Town is anticipating a Standards and Poor rating comparable to the Moody's AA2 rating previously held by the Town. The process for securing the bond for the school project is progressing favorably.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the final reports on the dispositions of deficiencies previously noted in the Fire Inspection Reports for 30 and 32 Commons.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Council President to review with Assessor Bob Goff material presented on the subject of tax exemption of non-profit organizations to find a common denominator and to ask the remaining Council members to conduct an independent review of the materials in preparation for further consideration of a tax exemption ordinance for these types of properties.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To hire Jason DaSilva as a probationary full time Fire Fighter/EMT with salary and benefits as per the contract between the Town of Little Compton and IAFF Local 3957, effective 22

November 2013 and contingent upon his successful certification as a RI EMT – Cardiac and successfully passing a swim test.

Councilor Mushen will finalize the contract between the Town of Little Compton and JJA Sports LLC for engineering services relating to a recreational field on the Peckham Lot.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To advertise for a public hearing to be held on November 21, 2013 at 7 PM to obtain public comment on a proposal to apply for a RI Dept. of Environmental Management Recreational Grant requesting approximately \$200,000 for improvements to recreational facilities near the Commons.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the Town Council hereby resolves that the following statement in the Town's Comprehensive Plan is null and void, due to a subsequent decision to site the Public Safety Complex elsewhere:

Section 6.6, paragraph 4, page 6-9:

“The Town Council has approved plans to build a new public safety complex on the Peckham Lot at the southwest approach to the Commons.”

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the Town Council hereby resolves to submit an article for the next Financial Town Meeting to propose funding the development of an athletic field on the Peckham lot and the renovation of the adjacent tennis courts.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): The Town Council agrees with the recommendation of the Harbor Commission to consider increasing the recreational boat mooring fees by \$1.00 and the commercial boat mooring fees by \$2.50.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To advertise to conduct a public hearing on December 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of considering an increase to the mooring fees for Sakonnet Harbor.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To use the Federal per diem rates for all per diem expenses as a standard operating procedure.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Council President to continue negotiations with the Road Superintendent and to return to the November 21, 2013 meeting with a proposed contract for the renewal of his services for consideration at that time.

It was announced that Dispatcher Russell Wordell achieved twenty-five (25) years of service with the Town of Little Compton as of October 27, 2013. The Town Council congratulates Mr. Wordell on his achievement.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To acknowledge that the Chief of Police has assigned Senior Patrolman Patrick Martin to the rank of “Detective” effective November 1, 2013 who shall be eligible to receive the rate of pay of Sergeant, as designated by the contract between the Town of Little Compton and IBPO Local 644 and to additionally acknowledge that Detective Sergeant John Faria, Jr. has been returned to the duty schedule and returned to the rank of Sergeant effective November 1, 2013.

At 8:18 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a Class F one day Beverage License to the Little Compton Community Center for a donor's reception to be held on November 17, 2013 at the Community Center.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a Notice of Rulemaking sent by RI Statewide Planning Program for hearings to be held November 21, 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a letter received from the RI Advisory Commission on Historical Cemeteries concerning legislative changes for taxation on cemeteries and to send a copy of said letter to the LC Historical Society.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place in the Budget Folder for the FY2015 consideration a grant request received from the East Bay Community Action Program.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by

Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the recommendation of the Board of Tax Assessors for the cancellation of the following taxes be granted under Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended:

Acct/Name Plat/Lot/MV Abatement Value Abatement Year

19-0311-50 021/0035 \$94,500.00 \$508.41 2013

Selvaggio, John S.

18-1004-10 2005 Dodge \$6,800.00 \$94.52 2013

Rosinha, Donald A.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the consent calendar as follows:

1 Copy of a letter sent to the Town Solicitor from Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP indicating the acceptance of \$20,503 at payment in full for an invoice for legal services regarding the ADS Construction Contract and the Wilbur-McMahon School Renovation Project

1. Copy of an Access to Public Records Request for the RCOS committee, which has been completed and made available for the requestor

2. Letter of gratitude received from the James L. Maher Center

thanking the town for its town-themed basket used at a recent fund raising event.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid: \$41,514.21

Dave Venancio - Inspectors \$1,050.00

Joseph Stankiewicz - Maintenance \$85.00

Richard S Humphrey - Solicitor (dated 10-24-13) \$3,675.00

Richard S Humphrey - Solicitor (dated 11-1-13) \$3,675.00

Edith Marion - Building - Zoning \$507.50

Toms Lawn & Garden - Maintenance \$9.94

Jon C Ibbotson Excavating Inc - Highway \$262.50

Detective Patrick Martin - Police \$213.00

Chief Sidney Wordell - Police \$213.00

RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust - Insurance \$4,023.13

KTR Maintenance & Supply LLC - Town Hall \$47.89

Cox Communications - Town Hall Depts. \$243.72

Cox Communications - Computer \$252.00

Direct Energy - Street Lights Town Dock \$9.69

Direct Energy - Street Lights \$9.16

Len Duckworth - Assessors \$101.57

Denise M Cosgrove - Assessors \$49.95

New England Toner Service - Assessors \$120.00

Petro - Gasoline \$2,460.78

Petro - Diesel \$1,040.88

Econo Signs - Highway \$405.64

Assoc. of State Floodplain Managers Inc. - Bldg Official \$120.00

Madden Electric Co Inc. - Public Safety Complex \$786.28

Madden Electric Co Inc. - Town Hall \$238.71

Madden Electric Co Inc. - Maintenance \$150.00

East Bay Newspapers - Probate \$100.00

Susan Sisson - Director of Social Services \$800.00

Bartlett Tree Experts - Tree Committee Fund \$1,460.00

United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$24.60

Nationalgrid - Street Lights Town Dock \$44.03

Tyler Technologies - Treasurer/computer \$2,919.54

Sanmass Inc. - Civic Recreation \$224.70

WB Mason - Misc depts town hall \$283.63

Effluential Technologies - Wastewater Treatment Facility \$1,031.86

Belmont Springs - Fire Dept. \$37.16

Shipmans Fire Equipment - Fire Dept. \$902.35

State of RI - Fire Dept. \$145.00

State of RI - Fire Dept. \$145.00

interstate All Battery Center - Fire Dept. \$15.95

Firematic Supply Co Inc. - Fire Dept. \$821.24

Clinical 1 Home Medical - Fire Dept. \$661.00

Image Trend - Fire Dept. \$2,310.00

Ocean State Truck & Diesel - Fire Dept. \$698.27 \$5,735.97

Ralco Electric Inc. - Generator PSC \$775.00
Ralco Electric Inc. - Generator Town Hall \$625.00
Ralco Electric Inc. - Generator Cell Tower \$625.00
Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$26.50
Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex \$1,059.21
Sidney Wordell - Drug Forfeiture \$429.95
East Bay Printing - Drug Forfeiture \$45.04
Rob's Auto Care - Drug Forfeiture \$45.00
Thomas Wood - Drug Forfeiture \$340.00 \$859.99
Pitney Bowes - Police Dept. \$12.28
Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$43.06 \$55.34
Franlart Nurseries - Tree Committee Fund \$1,200.00
Firex Inc. - Public Safety Complex \$123.50
Richard S. Humphrey - Solicitor (dated 11-7-2013) \$3,675.00

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 8:23 PM.

Carol A Wordell
Town Clerk